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Her Unwelcome Husband

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to do that, from the very beginning You always thought, I suppose, I was the same sort of woman as you are a man. Well, I don't care what lies your pot-house friends have been telling you."

"Wonderful vocabulary!"

"I don't care what lies you're trying to blackmail me with. You can't do it because it isn't true. Yes, I know Mr. Rodbourne. He's a great friend of mine. He's been the one good friend I had all those years after you deserted me. My friend, do you hear, and nothing more. I'm not the sort of woman-good heavens, don't you know it? I'm not a light woman. Yet you come here and treat me like the-low creatures of your acquaintance."

For a moment Caldecot believed her. He did not realize that the violence of her denials had nothing to do with outraged innocence, but only with outraged romance. He wondered if he had been misinformed. After all, people always assume these things, and certainly poor old Claire had always suggested to him a capital imitation of cold storage. Then he remembered the object of his visit and he count-"Well, perhaps you didn't, you dear old icicle, but I want my couple of thou., all the same. Simply got to have 'em. There's a lady in the case, and she's dashed ex-

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"How?" asked Mrs. Caldecot, so frightened of him that her voice grew less assured.

"It's quite simple. I'm quite willing to believe that your relations with Bobbie are the pink of propriety. I shouldn't wonder. There are women like that. But it doesn't bother me a bit. Indeed, the more respectable you are, the worse it is

for you, old dear."

"I don't understand." "No? Don't you see that if you were the darling of the night clubs and were advertised every now and then in 'What We Want to Know' you wouldn't have any bother. I couldn't do you any more harm than you could do me. But you've got something to lose, and that's the reputation on which you've wasted such a lot of good time keeping up." His voice grew harsh and his eyes more fixed than before as he murmured: "What's going to happen to you if I serve you and Bobbie with a writ for divorce?"

Mrs. Caldecot laughed. At that moment he admired her. He'd seen many a woman in the corner, lying. bullying, but he hadn't heard them laugh on a glad, ringing note, as if their gallantry welcomed battle.

"My dear Geoffrey," she said, in contemptuous tones, "don't be so ridiculous. You know quite well you've got no case."

"That wouldn't prevent me bringing one," said Caldecot, politely. Well, you'd lose it and pay all the costs.'

"How well informed you are, my dear. Can it be there is a second co-respondent to be found in the temple? But I shan't bother about him. Bobbie is enough, and as for losing my case, don't you worry. 1 don't mind losing my case, I don't mind piling up costs; I shan't pay 'em. Since I couldn't pay my creditors a shilling in the pound, it won't matter much whether I reduce their dividend to ninepence. Come

on, Clarrie, don't be a fool; pay up. The mood of gallantry still sub-Besides, she was beginning to find it incredible and burlesque that she should be blackmailed. That only happened on the stage Mrs. Caldecot replied, "Do you really think I'm going to submit to being bled by you? I'll fight the case, fight it to the end."

"You're welcome. So you'll make all the row round your name and Bobbie's without any help from

It was then that weakness came over Mrs. Caldecot. "Two thousand pounds!" she said. "That won't eave me much.

"Oh, yes, it will, my dear. Surely you don't think I want to drive you to the workhouse? Let me see. You used to have seven hundred and forty-five pounds a year out of your marriage settlement. It's a bit less now, income tax having gone up, but that's something."

'You know quite well I can"

touch it." "Of course, I know, or I'd have touched it long ago. But there's the unsettled residue of your Aunt Josephine's estate, which in my time was comfortably invested in London North Western shares, Metropolitan Fours and-oh, bother, I left the list at home. Still, worked out at about three thousand -even now it's worth more than two. Unless you've handed it all over to Bobbie.

At this insult Mrs. Caldecot ran to her desk. There was now in her no financial prudence. With trem-

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bling hands she struggled with her case, rummaging among bundles, old cheques and disused account books, until at last she found her passbook and a large envelope bearing a solicitor's imprint. "There," she said, as she threw them on the ground at his feet, "pick it up and

look for yourself." She watched him with clasped hands while he went through the passbook, noting the dividends. Now she felt amazingly cool. She was beaten, yes, and she was going to be blackmailed. Never mind: Anything to make an end of this. Finally he looked up.

"Well, Clarrie, I can't say exactly what this is worth unless you happen to have the evening paper so that I can look up the quotations. Still, my word's my word. I said two thousand pounds; I'll let you off at that, and it's cheap."

She hesitated, for she hated to think of her money in this man's hands. "It won't leave me much," she said.

"Oh, yes, it will. Leave you the income of your marriage settlement. As for the rest, why don't you give me the lot and make an end of it? Then-unless, of course, you want me to-I'll never come round again. There won't be any point in my doing so when I've got all I can out of you. Think of it! No more rows and perfect happiness with Bobbie."

This repetition of the name enraged Mrs. Caldecot. "I haven't said I'd pay," she replied, breathlessly, "and I won't."

"Won't you?" said Caldecot, suavely. "Would you really let your old husband go without the oysters and champagne which are essential to his decrepit existence? What a shame! I'll have to give you up-and ask Bobbie." "You wouldn't"-

"Of course I would. Why not? He'd be pleased to do something for you. If I were in his shoes I would. If I were a member of Parliament I wouldn't fancy a little divorce case. I should know my constituents wouldn't like it. Bobbie'll pay, don't you worry; in fact, I'll look him up and see if I can't get a bit more than the beggarly two thousand you're good for."

As he spoke Mrs. Caldecot made to herself an awful picture: Bob in his study, picking out a speech from among the dear, familiar litter of dusty blue books, scrawled notes on envelopes-and even letters of har own. No, she couldn't bear it. That they should meet, this beast of prev and her beloved, it was impossible. Oh, she knew Bob'd face him, all right; beat him, perhaps; gaol him as he ought to be gaoled; but the idea of their contact repelled her. The thought was to her so abominable that suddenly her defences gave way, and, to his amazement, Caldecot saw his wife fall on her knees before him, clasp her hands in prayer, and with distorted face, with dry eyes, confess:

"Yes, it's true. Yes, I do love him and he loves me. He did love me. Oh, Geoffrey, don't look at me like that. Yes, it's true, I own up. I know I oughtn't to have done it. i know it was wrong, but I was so wretched, I was so lonely, and you'd left me. Oh, I'm not blaming you now; I suppose I was cold, and I should have learned how to put up with you. I ought to have understood that you weren't any more perfect than I am, I suppose. But I couldn't help it. He did love me so. At first I used to lie awake at night, crying: I felt so dreadful When I was a girl, if I'd thought I'd do a thing like that-I'd have drowned myself. But I couldn't help it, I couldn't. Oh, I've done wrong, I know it, but don't be hard

"I don't want to be hard on you, replied Caldecot, surveying her with an interested air. "You only have to pay up, and then you can do whatever you like."

"So that's all you've got to say," she replied, clenching her teeth. "Still, since you're here, I'm glad you know that I've loved another man. I'm glad you know that you didn't spoil my life, as you'd like to have done-that you didn't take all my pride away, do you hear me? I'm glad. Oh, what nonsense I've been talking about doing wrong. I did right, and I don't care if all the world knows it. Yes, I did right." She looked beyond him with glow-



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misery I'm going through now, al!

the misery of the 'onely years, all

the hell of my lite with you-I'd do

it again, I'd have it all over again,

just to feel that I could have the

pluck once more to do the right

thing by myself. Go on, blackmail

me if you like; I'll not say I was

"I don't want you to, darling. I

never set up as a judge of morals.

I only want you to pay up." He

grew impatient. "Come on, get off

your knees. The attitude doesn't

suit you; don't you remember

you're long-busted. Come on, get

up. I'm not going to waste the

night over this." She rose, not so

much obeying as revolting against

"Are you going to pay up?" She

did not reply. "I give you five min-

utes. If I get any more nonsense

from you I'm going to Bobbie first

thing to-morrow morning. And if

he doesn't pay up you'll have a writ

by the end of the week. Do you .

hear? A writ. Both of you, and I'll

see it gets into the papers before

It was then that a new complica-

tion occurred to Mrs. Caldecot. She

realized that if this could not be

stopped-if Rodbourne, like her-

self, refused to be bled-the pub-

licity which would immediately col-

lect round his name, because he

was a member of Parliament, would

reach Patricia. That would be the

end. Bob would not only lose his

seat, but he'd lose Patricia-lose

the girl for whom, in a way, she'd

sacrified herself. She opened her

mouth to say, "I'll pay," but her

gallantry stopped her. She didn't

know why-she merely felt that she

couldn't give in. She must try

"Geoffrey," she said, "don't do

that. There's something else. It's

true about Bob and me, yes; that

is to say, it was. But I haven't seen

him for some months. He's going

"Oh, ho! So he's given you the

"He's going to be married," re-

plied Mrs. Caldecot, trying to forget

Geoffrey's reply. "And she's such

a sweet girl. They love each other,

just as they ought, and they're going

to be so frightfully happy. Oh,

Geoff, don't do it; she's so young,

only twenty. For God's sake, Geof-

frey, don't do it. Bob's trying to

make a fresh start, and she-it'll

kill her. You've smashed my life

-never mind that-but don't smasa

theirs. Don't get in the way of the

little happiness they can hope for.'

Caldecot. "Don't I count? And my

idea of happiness is two thousand

pleasant. If you don't-why, Clar-

rie, you give me an idea. Now I've

got the bulge on Bobbie. Perhaps

he'd be glad to get out of Parlia-

ment, and he wouldn't worry about

your reputation, since he's given

you the chuck. But now there's a

girl in the case. Oh, ho! Perhaps

"And, wait a minute, you give me

another idea, you human wonder.

Look here, I'll make you a proposi-

tion-you give me this two thou

sands pounds that we were talking

about. But that's not the end of it.

To-morrow morning I'll go round to

Bobbie and I'll say to him, You pay

up another two thousand; if not,

you'll be co-respondent.' Then, my

dear Clarrie, believe me, I'm thinking only of your interests, he'll squirm a bit. If he pays, all's well;

if he doesn't pay, I serve him with

a writ. Then watch the Sunday

newspapers. The girl gets to hear

of it. She drops him and you get

him back. Don't you see, Clarrie,

I can do you a jolly good turn? I

had not expected such baseness.

She did not believe that there was

a husband capable of blackmailing

a lover into returning to his own

wife. But the peril of Patricia was

oppressing her. "I don't want your

intervention," she said. "You know

nothing about it. You wouldn't un-

derstand. I suppose, if I told you that I want this marriage; that Is

want their happiness more than anything in the world; that I couldn't bear that anything should

"Oh," said Caldecot, "then I'm on velvet again. If you don't pay up I do come between them. Now. there's been enough argument. It's

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Mrs. Caldecot could not reply for a moment. Even from Geoffrey she

can get him back for you."

I shan't let him off so cheap."

"Geoffrey, I beg you."

What about my happiness?" said

Come on, pay up, and look

to be married.'

chuck."

doing wrong."

her own posture.

the case comes on."

yourself to think I'm joking." It was then, as Mrs. Caldecot stood before him, irresolute and not quite beaten, that the door opened to admit Maud, without cap or apron. For a moment the maid stared at the man, not understand. ing how he got into the house, and wondering whether her mistress had let him in. Then she said:

Bobbie in, and do the marriage in.

And do not for a moment allow

"Please, ma'am, may I speak 'o you for a moment?"

"No, Maud," said Mrs. Caldecot, in an irritated voice, "not now. What is it?"

"If you please, ma'am, Miss Neale is downstairs. She says she must see you." "Patricia!"

CHAPTER X. 44 W/HO?" said Mrs. Calde-

"Miss Neale, ma'am." "But-at this time? What did

you say?" "I said that you'd gone to bed, ma'am. At least, I thought so, but

I'd go and see." "Oh, why didn't you say I was out? This is absurd. Tell her I'm out, Maud. Oh, what does she want?"

"Very well, ma'am. But as the

windows are open, I knew she cou'd see the light, ma'am."

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